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Title: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD	

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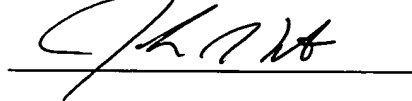
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith is a copy of a European search report issued in a corresponding European patent application and copies of six (6) prior art references cited therein. For the Examiner's convenience, we have enclosed a completed Form PTO-1449 listing all of the prior art references cited in the European search report.

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Applicants respectfully request that the disclosed reference be made of record in the subject application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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